GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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GRAMEEN DAK WORKERS
Krishnadas Shri N.N.

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted any Committee or Commission to prepare a report regarding the grievances of the Grameen Dak Workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee/Commission has been given any judicial power;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A one-man committee under the Chairmanship of Shri R.S. Natraja Murti, Retired Member of the Postal Services Board, Department of Posts has been constituted with the approval of Hon'ble MOC&IT to look into the emoluments and service conditions of Gramin Dak Sevaks. The terms of reference of this Committeee were finalized in consultation with Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Accordingly Resolution No.6-1/2006-PE.II dated 23rd July 2007 was published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) after obtaining the approval of Hon'ble MOC&IT.

(c) to (e) No, Sir. GDS system is a system unique to the Department of Posts, which has its own complexities. Therefore, the problems of this system can be well understood only by the service officers of the Department of Posts. The previous Committees headed by the service Officers have done full justice to the GDS employees. Therefore, it is in the fitness of things that Shri R.S.Natraja Murti, a retired Member of the Postal Services Board, who has had considerable experience in handling GDS related issues , has been entrusted with the task of examining the conditions of service and emoluments and other facilities available to the Gramin Dak Sevaks. The primary objective of the Committee is to make recommendations regarding pay and service conditions of GDS employees, and not the legal status of GDS employees, which is well ssettled.